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In re Application of :  
KINOSHITA, Hideyuki *et al* :  
Application No.: 10/030,716 :  
PCT No.: PCT/JP01/04095 :  
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For: STENCIL PRINTING MACHINE :

**DECISION**

This decision is in response to applicants' "Submission of Substitute Declaration, and Request for Correction of Filing Receipt and Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495" filed 07 June 2002 which is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

The date in the filing date portion on the filing receipt of a national stage application is the date upon which applicants completed the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). See section 1895.01, A. *Filing Date as Applicant's Date of Invention*, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), pg. 1800-161 (Rev. 1, Feb. 2003)(see also MPEP 1893.03(b)).

A review of the above-captioned application reveals that a declaration was first submitted on 31 January 2002. Then, a second declaration (which is a copy of the first declaration) was filed on 04 April 2002 as a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed 27 March 2002.

The DO/EO/US then mailed a Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) on 01 May 2002 listing a date of receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) and a date of receipt of all 35 U.S.C. requirements of "04/04/2002." The 04 April 2002 date is incorrect. This date should have been recorded as 31 January 2002.

Accordingly, the Notification of Acceptance mailed 01 May 2002 is hereby **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US to mail a corrected Notification of Acceptance indicating a date of receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) and date of receipt of all 35 U.S.C. requirements of **31 January 2002**, and then mailing a corrected filing receipt. The application will then be forwarded to Technology Center

2800 for further processing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Thomson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Thomson" clearly distinguishable.

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